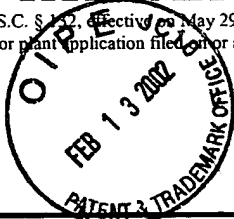


**REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 112, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for the continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.



Application Number	09/227,529
Filing Date	January 8, 1999
First Named Inventor	KUMAGAI, et al
Group Art Unit	2876
Name of Examiner	L. TAYLOR
Attorney Docket No.	960569C

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat

1. **Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other \_Petition for Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

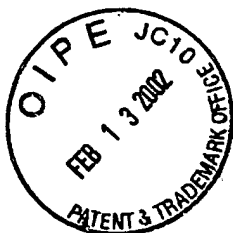
- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,140.00 is enclosed (\$740 for the RCE & \$400 for the Petition for Extension of Time.)

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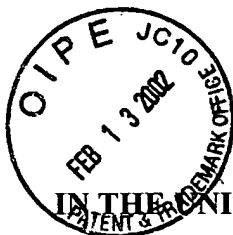
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Examiner: **L. TAYLOR**

Filed: **January 8, 1999**

For. **A STAND FOR PIVOTABLE MOUNTING AN OPTICAL READING DEVICE (AS AMENDED)**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 13, 2002

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claims 45, 51 and 56 as follows:

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45. (Twice Amended) A stand on which an optical reader, which has a read window through which scanning light is emitted and a grip enabling a user to grasp said optical reader, and which scans a mark borne by an article using scanning light emitted through said read window, detects light reflected from said mark, and thus reads information, is mounted, comprising:

a holder section in which only one end of said grip is insertably mounted so that said grip can be dismounted freely; and